

TODD BRUNNER

1. NOW YOU KNOW

2. HAND-ME-DOWN

Written, played, sung, produced and recorded by Todd Brunner sometime in the late 90s.

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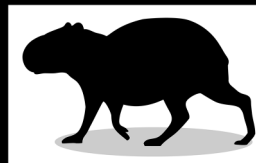
This version of “Now You Know” came before the one that appears on my album, **Just a Skeleton Under that Skin**. I should have put this one on because it is FAR better, and sounds much better, particularly as there is a glitch in the master of the album version.

“Hand-Me-Down” is a song about how to some extent we are helplessly the sum of genetic inheritance from our parents, grandparents, etc. I always liked it.

In looking at this material recently, I considered that these two songs together would make a great single. So here it is.

— Todd Brunner, Lushwood Hills, April 2024

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NOW YOU KNOW

Now that you know
The secret's out, why try to hide it
What do you think of me now

Not long ago
I planned it all and made it happen
Pulled the wool over your eyes

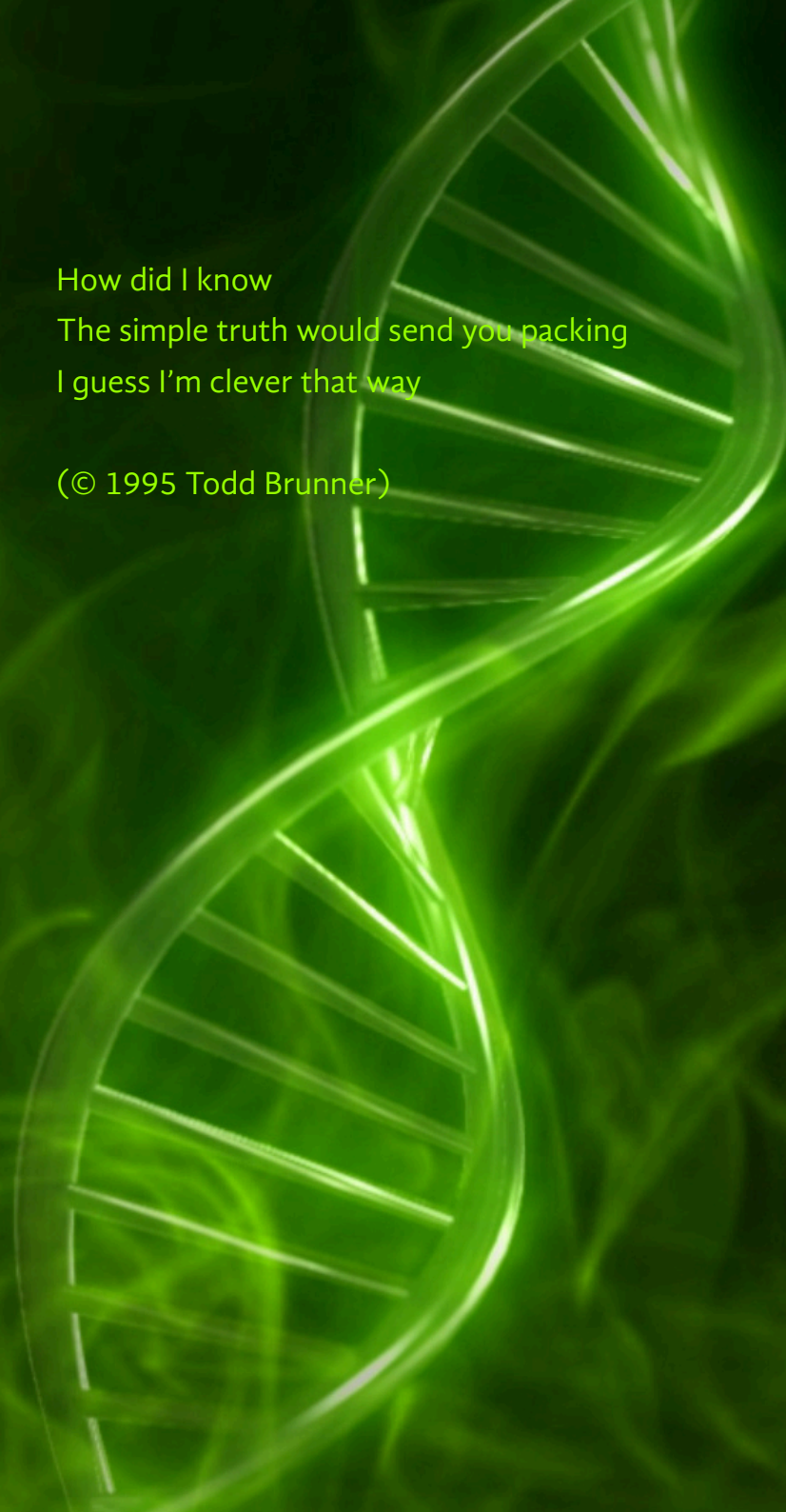
Cause it's strange adventure that I like
That I like
When I knew I had you in the dark
Now you've solved the puzzle, will you bite
Will you bite
You know I just did it for a lark

Now that you know
I set you up, you can't forgive me
I never thought that you would

Got a taste for deception in my blood
In my blood
And I know it will never go away

How did I know
The simple truth would send you packing
I guess I'm clever that way

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HAND-ME-DOWN

Best of two worlds my parents left me
I'm a character I can't deny
Just a product
Impossible to modify

I'm a fine example genetically clean
And the spawn of something profound
But the chromosomal index in me is a
hand-me-down

Gene production
Generations of a line culminating in me
Re-allocation
Historical accuracy

I'm a living legend imprinted and tagged
Just a blood ancestor compound
And my thoughts and feelings
Synapse and code
It's a hand-me-down

Got no volition I can call my own
Got to move with the rise and the fall

I'm repetition
Just a DNA splice after all

It's a local party election inside
Here in trait heredity town
where the bio-chemical constituency is a
hand-me-down

It's a hand-me-down

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